

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 10(A)(2)

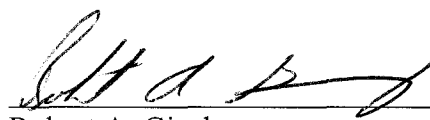
TO: Hon. Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed.D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE January 20, 2004

FROM: Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the Florida
Legislature to enact the
Community Based Care
Alliance's 2004 Agenda

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of
Commissioner Natacha Seijas.


Robert A. Ginsburg
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Veto _____

Override _____

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1-20-04

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
ENACT THE COMMUNITY BASED CARE ALLIANCE'S 2004
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND DIRECTING COUNTY STAFF
AND CONTRACT LOBBYISTS TO SUPPORT THE AGENDA
BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, the Community Based Care Alliance has adopted a 2004 state legislative agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Alliance's agenda consists of six areas in which appropriations and legislation enacted by the Florida Legislature could improve the child welfare system in Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Florida Legislature to support the 2004 legislative agenda of the Community Based Care Alliance, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Instructs county staff and contract lobbyists to support the Community Based Care Alliance's legislative agenda before the Florida Legislature and Governor.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and the Chair and members of the Miami-Dade County State Legislative Delegation.

Section 4. Directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to incorporate the Community Based Care Alliance's legislative agenda into the 2004 state legislative package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Natacha Seijas and offered by
Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by
Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler, Chairperson	
Katy Sorenson, Vice-Chairperson	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Betty T. Ferguson	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Jimmy L. Morales
Dennis C. Moss	Dorrian D. Rolle
Natacha Seijas	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty

Community Based Care Alliance –2004 Legislative Agenda

Conduct an Assessment Study & Develop an Appropriate Cost Allocation Formula

To ensure the success of community based care, we must request that the Legislature support the Florida Coalition for Children's initiative to determine the real cost of a sound child welfare system in the State of Florida. This would in turn support the development of an equitable cost allocation formula based on the assessments of Lead Agencies within each District.

Support Volunteer Agencies

Appropriations supporting community involvement and volunteerism in the child welfare arena must be expanded. The guardian-ad-litem programs and foster care citizen review boards not only provide valuable services to children and families and the courts, but also serve as independent, quality control mechanisms which provide regular, current trend data and feedback for systems improvement. Increased funding that would support a guardian for each child should be provided to the guardian-ad-litem programs. In addition, the annual \$400,000 appropriation made to Miami-Dade's Foster Care Review Board should be preserved.

Support Prevention and Early Intervention Funding

Funding for front-end prevention and early intervention is critical to reducing the number of children and families entering the welfare system.

Support a Block Grant Pilot for District 11

Miami-Dade/Monroe is the last yet most significant, given the diversity of population and variety of needs, Department of Children and Families District to transition the foster care system from State care to community based care. Our State has the opportunity to adequately fund this strong business-performance outcome driven model by establishing a community based care block grant pilot program.

Operationalize and Implement Rev Max Legislation

Development of the recently adopted Rev Max legislation (2003 Local Funding Revenue Maximization Act –SB 1454) needs to be monitored and clarified so that lead agencies are empowered to understand and pursue opportunities for its implementation. In addition, renewal of TANF and other revenue maximizing initiatives should be supported.

Amend Legislation Implementing the Road to Independence Act

The Florida Legislature must improve the Road to Independence Act for youth aging out of the foster care system so that these youth can acquire necessary life skills with appropriate comprehensive support programs that will allow them to succeed when transitioning out of the foster care system. Specifically, eligibility requirements should be eliminated for mandatory services for older children in foster care; an essential range of services should be listed under the Participation in Life Skills subsection; eligibility should be broadened for Aftercare Support Services and the Road to Independence Scholarship Program for young adults who have aged out of foster care. Support changes in the Court's jurisdiction to ensure compliance by the Department of Children and Families with provisions of the statute.